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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ESTABLISHES A NEW DOCKET FOR THE FILING OF E911 *RICHARDSON* CERTIFICATIONS BY WIRELESS CARRIERS

WT Docket No. 03 - 76

In the *City of Richardson Order*,¹ the Commission adopted rules clarifying what constitutes a valid Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) request so as to trigger a wireless carrier's obligation to provide enhanced 911 (E911) service to that PSAP within six months. On November 26, 2002, the Commission released the *City of Richardson Reconsideration Order*, modifying its rules to provide additional clarification on the issue of PSAP readiness.² Among other modifications, the Commission established a procedure whereby wireless carriers that have completed all necessary steps toward E911 implementation that are not dependent on PSAP readiness may submit certifications requesting that their six-month compliance obligation be temporarily tolled.³ Wireless carriers may file and serve such certifications regarding PSAP requests that have been pending for longer than six months no later than 60 days from the date of publication of the summary of the *City of Richardson Reconsideration Order* in the Federal Register, or March 24, 2003.⁴

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau establishes a separate docket for the filing of *Richardson* certifications and comments on these certifications. For administrative efficiency, all PSAP certifications and related documents are to be filed under WT Docket Number 03 - 76, as opposed to CC Docket Number 94 -102, which is the general E911 docket.

¹ Revision of the Commission's Rules To Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, *Order*, rel. Oct. 10, 2001 (*City of Richardson Order*). See also 47 C.F.R. § 20.18(j).

² Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, *Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 02-318 (rel. Nov. 26, 2002) (*City of Richardson Reconsideration Order*).

³ *Id.* at para. 15. Specifically, where a wireless carrier that has taken all such steps determines that a PSAP will not be capable of receiving and utilizing E911 information at the end of the six-month implementation period, it may, after consultation with the PSAP, file a certification to that effect with the Commission.

⁴ Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, *Erratum* (rel. December 20, 2002). See 68 FR 2914, January 22, 2003.

The Certifications and related documents are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Public Reference Room, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a), this proceeding is designated as a “permit but disclose” proceeding and subject to §1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules.⁵ Presentations to or from Commission decision-making personnel are permissible, provided that *ex parte* presentations are disclosed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file Certifications and related comments by using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") or by filing paper copies.⁶ Certifications and comments filed through the ECFS can be sent via the Internet to: <<http://www.fcc/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, postal service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form<your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to Andra Cunningham, Room 445-B.

For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Andra Cunningham, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-1310.

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

⁶ See *In re Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 13 FCC Rcd. 11322 (1998) (amending Parts 0 and 1 of the Commission’s rules to allow electronic filing of comments and other pleadings).